MEMORANDUM

Not On

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(10)

TO:

Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

September 11, 2003

FROM:

Robert A. Ginsburg

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution urging the USACE

and SFWMD to implement provisions to ensure that flood protection is maintained

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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RAG/bw

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Please note any items checked.

"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
 Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
 Budget required
 Statement of fiscal impact required
Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
 Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
No committee review

Approved	<u> Mayor</u>	Not On	
Veto		Agenda Item No.	10(A)(10)
Override		9-11-03	
R	ESOLUTION NO.		

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SFWMD) TO OPERATE THE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT THE LOWEST FEASIBLE LEVELS IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE FLOOD PROTECTION DURING THE WET SEASON

WHEREAS, the USACE is presently operating the South Dade Conveyance System under an operational schedule titled Interim Operating Plan (IOP) column one (1), that results in slightly higher canal stages than last month; and

WHEREAS, during the past two wet seasons (2002 & 2003) the SFWMD and USACE worked to achieve low range stages for the C-4 canal at S-25B; and

WHEREAS, the IOP has provisions that allow for a "Pre-Storm Draw Down" and operational flexibility in times of need; and

WHEREAS, we are in the heart of Hurricane Season and we have already experienced heavy rainfall this summer; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Isabel, a major category 4 Hurricane, is currently in the Atlantic Ocean heading towards South Florida; and

WHEREAS, high antecedent groundwater levels in place during Hurricane Irene in 1999 and the No Name Storm in 2000 were found to have exacerbated flooding in Miami-Dade County,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board urges the

USACE and the SFWMD to implement the provisions in the IOP that dictates a pre-storm draw

down to ensure that flood protection is maintained to the maximum extent possible.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson

Bruno A. Barreiro
Betty T. Ferguson
Joe A. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jimmy L. Morales
Dorrin D. Rolle
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 11th day of September, 2003. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

		By:	
Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.	a grand	Deputy Clerk	